

## Media Advisory

### Discovery Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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**Date:** Friday, September 25, 2020

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** [Discovery Park](#)  
601 Orchard Ridge Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
On-street parking only

**Ceremony:** Due to gathering restrictions and social distancing requirements, the ribbon cutting ceremony will be restricted to City of Gaithersburg elected officials, invited guests and members of the media only.

**Features:** Within the nearly 15 acres of parkland, you'll find more than three acres of passive recreational space featuring five covered picnic structures (two are ADA accessible), two playgrounds, five walking paths, a four square court, a secret garden, a butterfly garden, the Great Lawn, and the City's first Gaga pit (a dodgeball variation).

**Background:** In 2013, MedImmune (now AstraZeneca) dedicated just over 6½ acres of parkland to the City. With the dedication of new City parkland adjacent to an almost 8½ acre parcel already owned by the City, plans for a new public park were developed. The nature-focused park is for day use, open from dawn to dusk for the public's enjoyment.

**Total Project Cost:** Approximately \$1.42 million

**Design:** Triad Engineering and Floura Teeter

**Build:** Patriot Construction

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**Information:** [Link to Park Webpage](#) [Link to Project Webpage](#)